

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4464

To amend the Small Business Act to authorize the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to make grants and to enter into cooperative agreements to encourage the expansion of business-to-business relationships and the provision of certain information.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2000

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Ms. BERKLEY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. PASCRELL, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. MOORE, and Mrs. JONES of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION.**

4 Section 8 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(m) BUSINESS LINC GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE
2 AGREEMENTS.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with this
4 subsection, the Administrator may make grants to
5 and enter into cooperative agreements with any coa-
6 lition of private entities, public entities, or any com-
7 bination of private and public entities—

8 “(A) to expand business-to-business rela-
9 tionships between large and small businesses;
10 and

11 “(B) to provide businesses, directly or indi-
12 rectly, with online information and a database
13 of companies that are interested in mentor-
14 protégé programs or community-based, state-
15 wide, or local business development programs.

16 “(2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
18 graph (B), the Administrator may make a
19 grant to a coalition under paragraph (1) only if
20 the coalition provides for activities described in
21 paragraph (1)(A) or (1)(B) an amount, either
22 in kind or in cash, equal to the grant amount.

23 “(B) WAIVER.—With respect to any indi-
24 vidual coalition, the Administrator may waive
25 the matching requirement set forth in this

1 paragraph, if the Administrator determines that
2 such a waiver is in the best interest of the pro-
3 gram authorized by this subsection.

4 “(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
5 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
6 this subsection \$6,600,000, to remain available until
7 expended, for each of fiscal years 2001 through
8 2003.”.

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